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A PRESIDENTIAL TEAM OPENS 2002 C.I.L.L. SEASON!



Photos by RICK DeWITT

With Islander Tom Davis as Grand Marshal, the City Island Little League opened the 2002 season on April 13 with an enthusiastic parade down City Island Avenue. Dignitaries were on hand to pitch in, including the new Bronx Borough President, Adolfo Carrion, who threw out the first pitch, and New York State Assemblyman Stephen B. Kaufman. This year's opening day festivities were dedicated to the past presidents of City Island Little League, especially Mr. Davis, who dreamed of a club house and a batting cage when he was president from 1979 to 1986. Shown above (upper left, l. to r.) dedicating the new batting cage sign are the past and present Little League presidents, along with parade guests: Robert Whalan, Tom Vivolo, Tom Lyons, Tony Grimaldi, John Salacan, Bob Cortazzo, Chris McGuire, Tom Davis, Drew Davis, Ed Esposito, Walter Henning, Mr. Carrion and Frank Sena; kneeling are Dom DeMarco and Irwin Weinfeld. For the 2002 season, hundreds of boys and girls will participate in baseball, softball and T-ball on teams sponsored by City Island businesses and residents. Let the games begin!

BRIEFLY...

HI TEC ADVENTURE RACE SERIES returns to Orchard Beach, on Sunday, May 19. Six hundred racers will compete in biking, kayaking and running. Staging, start and finish areas are at the north picnic area. City Island Road and the Pelham Bridge are not part of the race route, but there will be some road closures from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shore Road from Bartow Circle to the city line will be closed to traffic at that time. Golfers will have to access the golf course from Shore Road south from Pelham. Orchard Beach Road from the Hutchinson River Parkway to the Orchard Beach entrance and Park Drive from the City Island Circle to the Orchard Beach entrance will also be closed during those hours. Signs advising motorists of the road closings will be posted. Please call 718 430-1890 if you have any questions or require additional information.

BLOOD DRIVE: The Bronx Masons will be holding a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 14, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m., at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street. Almost anyone from the ages of 17 to 75, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds and in good general health can be a blood donor. Photo or signature ID and Social Security Number are required at the time of donation.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES in black and white photography will be given by Ron Turner at the City Island Community Center starting in May. Ages 12 through 17 are eligible. The classes will explore the wonders of the camera and the darkroom. Printing photographs, developing film, camera technique and printing negatives will be taught. Classes will be given on Mondays after school. The first series of classes are free to the student. This is made possible from a grant given by COLONY and with public funds from the Bronx Council on the Arts through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs Greater New York Arts Development Funds, Bronx President Adolfo Carrion and the Bronx Delegation of the City Council. For further information call Ron Turner at 718-885-1403 or stop by the Focal Point Gallery.

THE ALBERT EINSTEIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present its season finale concert on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. The program will include Dvorak's "Legends, Opus 59" and Brahms's "Violin Concerto in D major, Opus 77." The violin soloist will be Sergey Nazarov; the conductor and music director is Stephen Moshman. The concert will be held in the Robbins Auditorium, Forchhiemer Building, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Park Avenue, Bronx. Contributions are suggested. For more information, visit the Web site www.einsteinorch.tripod.com.

"LEGAL CHECKUP" is a free presentation to be given at Pilot Cove Manor on May 9 at 1 p.m. A volunteer attorney will explain legal procedures and documents that are available to help seniors make health care and financial decisions. Subjects will include the purposes of the power of attorney and health care proxy and how they differ, how to choose an agent for the power of attorney or health care proxy, the different kinds of power of attorney and when they are effective, what insurance, pension and financial documents should be maintained, why a will is important, and procedures for organ donations. The program is sponsored by the New York State Bar Association's Elder Law Section, funded by the New York Bar Association.

9/11 BRONX VICTIMS: The North Bronx Westchester Neighborhood Restoration Association (NBWNRA) is seeking the names of Bronx residents who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, to be honored in a permanent memorial at the Jacobi Medical Center grounds. The project, which is slated to be completed in time for the first anniversary of the World Trade Center tragedy, was made possible through funding secured by Senator Guy J. Velella. Anyone interested in registering a name for the Bronx memorial should contact Donna Dechiaro at 718-823-7704 by Friday, May 31, 2002.

WANTED: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS to do community service at Pilot Cove helping senior citizens with computer lessons. Please contact Helen or Tommy McMahon at 885-0448.

Police Investigate Home Invasion on King Avenue

By KAREN NANI

On Friday, April 19, three men robbed Islander Dan Pirraglia at his home on King Avenue. The men, two Hispanic adults and one teenager, are being sought for criminal impersonation and what police are calling a "home invasion."

At around 9:30 p.m., two adults knocked on the door of 401 King Avenue and identified themselves as police officers, according to Sergeant James Masticovo of the 45th Precinct. They told Mr. Pirraglia that they had caught a teenager trying to break into his house. After he let them in, "they pulled a gun on him, tied his hands and feet and demanded money," Sgt. Masticovo told *The Current*.

When Mr. Pirraglia told the robbers there was no money in the house, they forced him to call a friend to bring approximately \$6,000 in cash. The perpetrators fled the scene with the cash and some jewelry. There were no reported injuries.

Police are conducting an active investigation on several fronts. The crime is similar to one that occurred earlier in April in the Throgs Neck section of the Bronx,

where, according to Lieutenant Harris of the 45th Precinct, the perpetrators used the same ruse to gain entry to a private home. They impersonated police officers and told the owner they suspected an attempted break-in. After committing a robbery, they fled the crime scene in a blue minivan.

The City Island crime is being investigated by the Criminal Impersonation Unit of the police department's Internal Affairs Bureau, because the perpetrators pretended to be police officers. "It is an active investigation. No arrests have been made yet," said Carmen Melendez of the Deputy Commissioner's Public Information Office.

Police reportedly knocked on the doors of neighbors on King Avenue and Ditmars Street the day after the robbery to determine if they witnessed any part of the crime.

On Friday morning, April 26, police activity was observed at Seafood City Restaurant on City Island Avenue. However, no robbery appears to have taken place and no police incident report was filed at the 45th Precinct.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during March 2002. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list, nor are complaints for crime occurring on the mainland.

MARCH

- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF (to a vehicle)
- 2 - PETIT LARCENY (1 from person, 1 from vehicle)
- 2 - GRAND LARCENY (auto)
- 3 - HARASSMENT
- 2 - LOST PROPERTY
- 1 - DEAD ON ARRIVAL (DOA)
- 1 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF ACCIDENT/ PROPERTY DAMAGE
- 1 - CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON
- 2 - DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (DWI)

Police report the following arrests and incidents for the month of March:

3/1 - At 6:30 p.m., at 104 City Island Avenue, an unknown person caused a vehicular accident by hitting a parked car and fleeing the scene prior to police

arrival.

3/1 - Off-Island male, 41, arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) at 11:45 p.m., at Bridge Street and City Island Avenue.

3/7 - At 2 p.m., at 190 Fordham Street, police report a harassment incident arising from a neighbor dispute over a dog.

3/27 - An off-Island male, 20, was arrested at 361 City Island Avenue at 1:15 a.m. after reportedly having a dispute with another person. The defendant was charged with criminal possession of a weapon.

3/30 - At City Island Avenue and Ditmars Street, an off-Island male, 35, was arrested for driving while intoxicated (DWI) at 11:30 p.m.

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Islander's Twin Brother Found at Ground Zero

By BILL STUTTIG

The wait is over for Dan D'Allara, but the pain continues. The 47-year-old City Island resident, who has spent most of his free time, including nearly every weekend, overseeing the search for his twin brother at Ground Zero, received the call he had been waiting for on April 11, exactly seven months from the day when the worst of all nightmares began for him and his family. Recovery workers had found the remains of his twin brother.

Danny, a Bronx native who moved to City Island several years ago after marrying lifelong City Island resident Angela Booth, is one of 35 people in the nation to lose a twin sibling in the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on Sept. 11.

His twin brother, John, a Bronx native who was a frequent visitor to City Island over many decades, was a member of the New York Police Department's Emergency Service's Unit Truck 2 for nearly 20 years and served at countless rescues around New York City since joining the NYPD in 1982.

Dan said that John was literally counting the days to retirement when the calm of a sunny late summer morning was shattered at 8:46 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11.

"It was a beautiful morning, and I was arriving at work like so many other people. When I saw the planes hit on television, I knew that he would be there," said Dan. A short time later, as he looked with horror when the buildings came down, Dan said he immediately feared the worst and knew in his heart that his brother would have been trying to save lives at the moment those towers collapsed.

In the confusion of that terrible morning, Dan rushed to the work place of his wife Angela, and the couple then got a cab and went home to City Island. There Dan frantically began working the phones, searching for any news of the whereabouts of his twin.

Finally at 11 p.m. on Sept. 11, Dan received a call from police headquarters that the prospect for survival did not look good. Dan and other family members were driven down to 1 Police Plaza. "That is where it seemed I lived my life for the next several months," Dan said.

"I could never have believed that this would happen," D'Allara said during an interview just a few days following the dis-

covery of his brother's remains. "Who could have believed that you would lose your brother in the largest, most horrific mass murder in the history of the nation? I keep waiting for it all to be over like maybe it's not real and life can be the same once again for all of us. We want our life back but I know that is not going to happen."

The horror of losing his twin, to whom he had always been close, has rocked the foundations of his life. Beyond helping other family members crushed by the tragedy, including his parents and his brother's wife, Carol, and their two boys, Dan has played a public role in helping others remember his brother and the thousands of other victims.

Dan met and consoled other grieving family members at many public and private functions, and he played a supportive role at many public events sponsored by the NYPD and other organizations honoring the victims and those who gave their lives trying to save others like his brother, John.

When he was not at public events, Dan was down at ground zero through the autumn, winter and into the spring. On most occasions, he was joined by his wife, as they both tried to help and encourage the workers involved in the recovery efforts.

When John's remains were found on April 11, Dan and Angela, along with his brother's wife, were then joined by hundreds of John's fellow officers and more than 100 firefighters and recovery workers at the site, and together they carried the body from the exact location in the vicinity of Tower 1 where he died saving the lives of so many others.

Dan said he does not expect to find closure with the discovery of his beloved brother's remains, but he is comforted by reports from colleagues and others who saw John before the towers collapsed. They told Dan that they had seen John rescuing dozens of workers from Tower 1 that morning, dozens of people who are alive today because of John's heroics.

In the horror of his brother's death, Dan said, he has found a great kindness in hundreds of people, ranging from some of the most powerful people in the nation to ordinary citizens.

President George W. Bush gave Dan and his family one of the most memorable



Photos courtesy of DAN D'ALLARA

Islander Dan D'Allara searched for seven months for his twin brother, John, a member of the New York Police Department's Emergency Service's Unit (ESU) Truck 3. John's body was found on April 11, 2002, at the site of the World Trade Center disaster. Shown above are the officers of ESU Truck 3, three of whom perished on Sept. 11, 2001: (l. to r.) Eddie Lutz, Jim Malley, Wally Weaver (deceased), John D'Allara (deceased), Jerome Dominquez (deceased) and Mike Wolf. Not shown is Vinny Danz, who also died when Tower 1 collapsed. Dan (left) is shown with his brother, John, on Dan's wedding day in 1993.



signs of support, putting his arm on the grief-stricken twin just three days after the attack as he offered condolences and the prophetic assurance that the death of his brother and the other victims would not go unanswered.

Dan has spent hours in the office of former Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik and was consoled numerous times by Mr. Kerik's right-hand man, former First Deputy Commissioner Joseph Dunne. The support of the NYPD has been unbelievable, Dan said, from police headquarters to Highway One, which provided transportation to and from ground zero on a regular basis. The local precincts, particularly the 45th and 49th Precincts, could not do enough for him and his parents, he said.

Most importantly, many of his brother's former colleagues with ESU provided the most valuable support, assuring Dan that his brother truly was a hero, not only on Sept. 11 but on many, many occasions before that.

Other famous people who reached out to the D'Allara family include New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine, who was particularly supportive of each and every family during special events that the team ran for the children of victims in the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11. Dan and his mother were warmly welcomed by the people of Fresno, California, during a special tribute that the city had for the families of the victims.

But perhaps most important to Dan is

the tremendous support he and his family have received from their neighbors on City Island. Dan particularly points to St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, its pastor Father Robert Moore and Sister Mary Shepherd for many hours of comfort and prayers.

He said that much support has also come from the American Legion Post, especially Commander Vinnie Hecker and former Commander Bill Clancy.

But he said the greatest support has come from his in-laws and hundreds of his neighbors on City Island, as well as local people who were part of the recovery effort, like City Islander Kevin Quinn and his wife, Patty. Kevin is a firefighter who was a constant source of support and information as he monitored the recovery effort for months.

The hectic schedule continues for Dan. Recently he was asked to throw out the first pitch for a Washington Heights Little League team named in John D'Allara's memory.

Dan called the last seven months a true learning process in which he experienced the worst horror but also saw the greatest kindness and support from hundreds, many of whom were complete strangers before Sept. 11. Despite the overwhelming pain caused by his brother's death, he said he has been comforted by the knowledge of how much his brother was loved and how many people were willing to help him and his family through the worst of all possible heartbreak and loss.

Island in the News

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

Viewers of Channel 2 have become accustomed to his face— Andy Sbare's face, that is— which plays a featured role in the short piece CBS made on City Island some weeks ago as part of its series on New York places. Stay tuned; the piece airs regularly.

Readers of "National Fisherman" were pleased to see another City Islander, lobsterman Sal Comerico, as the subject of an article in the April issue, in which the interviewer praises the "King's" persistence in his chosen line of work in spite of the lack of lobsters since the 1998 die-off. Sal manages to stay in business by working harder than ever, catching blackfish

for Chinatown markets and taking out sport fishermen.

The literary set noticed with pride that Islander Roger Straus III was quoted at length in a profile of his father, one of last of the great gentleman book publishers, in the April 8 issue of "The New Yorker."

And City Island herself was the center of attention in the April 14 Real Estate section of the Sunday *New York Times*. The reporter spent a good deal of time going from one end of the Island to the next, noting not only available houses but pointing out many of the advantages (and disadvantages) of living here.

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FLEET WEEKEND

The annual Fleet Weekend celebration, sponsored and organized by IDEA, starts on Friday, May 31, with the Maritime Heritage Awards Dinner, which will be held at the Morris Yacht Club, starting at 6:30 p.m..

This year's awardees are as follows: Maritime Heritage Award: Jacqueline Kyle Kall; Keeper of the Harbor: Tom McMahon, COLONY President; Lifetime Achievement Awards: Marty Meienhofer and Mary Anne Clancy; City Island School Hall of Fame: Ellen Funck; Grand Marshal: Betty Carman.

IDEA would also like to give special recognition "to our emergency personnel who responded on Sept. 11 and who protect us each and every day: The NYPD, the FDNY, the Port Authority Police Department and EMS."

The following events will be held on

Saturday, June 1:

- 8 a.m. Fun Run
- 8:30 a.m. 5K Race, both sponsored by Sammy's Fishbox
- 10 a.m. Parade, sponsored by Senator Guy J. Velella and Borough President Adolfo Carrion; starts in front of Sammy's Fishbox

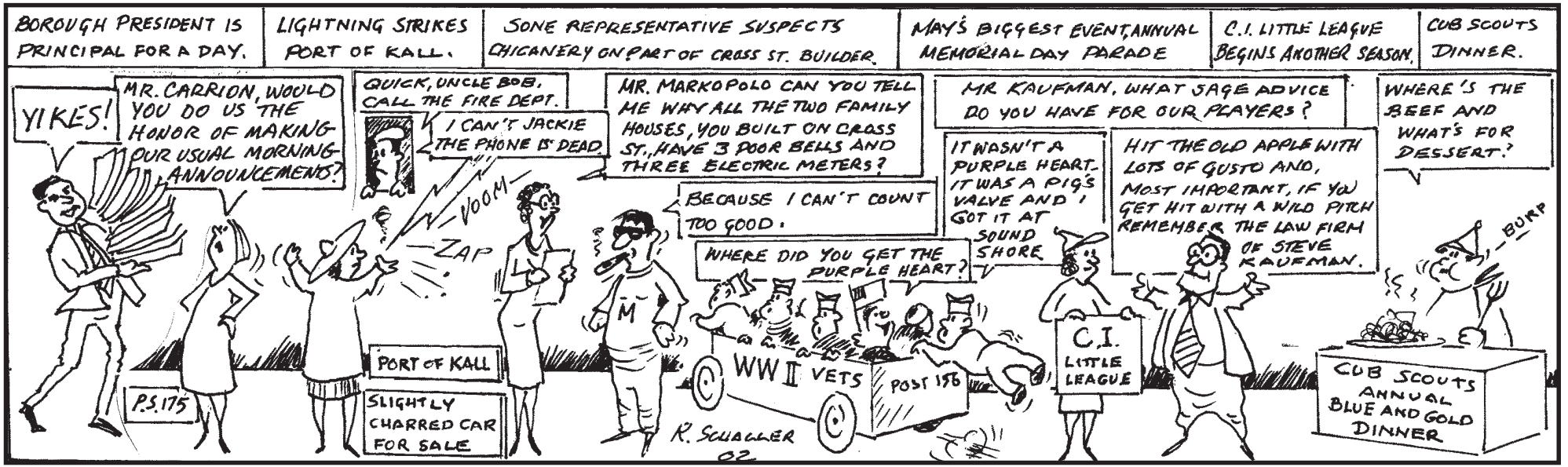
All day:

- Children's Talent Show
- PTA Carnival
- Pony Rides
- NYPD Sea Air Rescue
- Scuba Diving Demonstration
- Children's Boat Building Contest

Afternoon:

- Concert sponsored by Bronx Westchester Neighborhood Restoration Association

Look for Fleet Weekend 2002 t-shirts and come out and join the fun!



We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

Robert's Recovery

To the Editor,

Thanks to all who showed their concern and support during our son Robert's illness. Your kind words and thoughtful gestures were such an important part of Robert's recovery. We are all thankful for such good family, friends and neighbors. The worst part of most illnesses is the helpless feeling from uncertainty.

City Island has once again proven to be more than just a great place to live but a great source of comfort and support when we needed it most. We are truly grateful.

Thank you all for your support. Robert is well on his way to recovery.

The Leavy Family

City Island, My Errant And Beloved Child

To the Editor:

Yes, I view my City Island as a disappointing but surprising child who always manages to redeem herself just when it seems too late. More and more ticky-tacky boxes going up everywhere, disguised as safe and well-built homes; another fast food restaurant clogging all traffic that heretofore managed to crawl its determined way to Johnny's Reef; fewer and fewer revenue-bearing visitors bothering to make the snail trek, so that not only all the businesses but Minneford Avenue too will suffer this blight. And then, just when I'm considering putting my Island up for adoption or taking myself to a foster home, I am surprised, heartened, given hope.

This rejuvenation came on Saturday night, March 16, and again on the afternoon of the following day, when the teens of City Island presented their Living Rocks performance at the United Trinity

Methodist Church. A collection of brilliantly crafted, painted and collaged rocks and face masks (actual face-castings of dozens of on- and off-Islanders) were displayed and brought to life through expressive monologues, dance and songs, almost all performed by the City Island Teen Center participants.

The performance was polished and intelligent, genuine and professionally staged without the agonizing hemming and hawing and between-scene-time-wasting one often experiences at amateur events. And the messages of the "talking heads," written by the participants, were insightful and probing. (I will not list them, but the program gives the names of all the creators and organizers who did such a bang-up job.)

Someone reported that a rap was not as tasteful as it might have been, but I heard it told and I strongly disagree. What it lacked in masterful rap beat and style it made up for in genuine content: we are certainly lying to ourselves when we give in to drugs and other forms of masking our pain and our reality. Is not rap the straight-talking, idiomatic social commentary of our century? And for every vile and thoughtless rap I've heard, I can match it with a profound and meaningful one. ("Ain't no gangsters in paradise" is a line that constantly comes to mind.) And I'm driven to say it, but rap would be better than the loud, merciless Musak in our local doctor's office.

So, my City Island child, you have done it again. Just when I wanted to give up on you, you make me proud to be your mother, sister, friend once again, and I realize I will always hang in there and be there for the duration.

Carmen Mason

Getting the Message

To the Editor,

Regarding your recent "Fair Winds or Foul" (March 2002 Current), we do not approve of graffiti, but we do approve of the idea expressed: "Stop Hating!"

Rather than leaving a bad impression, as you stated, it cheered us as we drove onto City Island Avenue.

Toby Z. Liederman

Thanks and Play Ball

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the members of the City Island Little League for the honors bestowed on me on Opening Day. It was very uplifting to me and my family. Keep up the good work.

Tom Davis

Message to Dog Owners

To the Editor:

One of the favorite spots for young City Islanders is the playground next to P.S. 175. It is conveniently located mid-island and is a gathering place for children to run around safely and securely in a fenced-in environment.


Children enjoy sliding and climbing on the playground equipment, sitting and resting on the benches and, until recently, playing on the grass. But dog feces now litter the grassy area that makes up one-quarter of this haven for young children. Apparently a few dog owners have mistaken our community playground for their pets' personal toilet.

Most of City Island's dog owners are conscientious in picking up after their dogs and would never, ever walk their dog in the playground. However, a few dog owners apparently have no consideration for others. There are also some who allow their dogs to roam the streets of City Island unleashed and unsupervised. Parents have witnessed these same wandering dogs entering the playground and leaving "deposits."

The purpose of this letter is to proclaim loudly: Shame on You!! As a pet owner you must take responsibility for your pet and be considerate of your fellow Islanders. More importantly, you should take into consideration the health and well-being of our children. Besides, it is unlawful for any dog to be unleashed, and there is a "No Dogs Allowed" sign posted at the entrance to the park.

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Development Update

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

As City Islanders wait for the Department of City Planning (DCP) to present its contextual zoning plan to residents, developers eager to build housing before restrictions are imposed on them are preparing to file plans for new construction, in spite of protests from neighbors.

When DCP published its Maritime Heritage Preservation Study of City Island in 2001, one of its recommendations to help preserve the historic character of the island was to rezone areas from R3-2 (residential) to "lower-density contextual zones that better reflect the established built context." The Bronx office of DCP is now doing the ground work to change the zoning regulations in certain parts of City Island, and it is hoped that the project will be presented to the community within a matter of months.

In the meantime, several new high-density developments have already been constructed in recent months, and more are in the planning stages.

East Bowne Street

The owner of the property at the end of east Bowne Street, Charles Monaco, may have to redraft his plans for a condominium complex on the site to accommodate a ruling made by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), which has apparently determined that the landfill that makes up the property was done illegally. According to the office of State Senator Guy Velella, based on information received from the DEC, the owner will be required to remove all illegal landfill added to the site since 1974, but Mr. Monaco told *The Current* that he believes DEC is wrong and negotiations with the agency are in the hands of his lawyers.

Mr. Monaco's plan is to have his developer, Howard Loewentheil, construct a 20-unit building on the site, and he says that he has had the building permits in hand since August 2001, although the Department of Buildings had no record of these. A permit was issued in August for the demolition of the houses that were on the property, which took place on March 1.

A neighbor, Irwin Weinfeld, was cautiously optimistic about the DEC ruling, but was reluctant to celebrate until the building application has been filed. "It's likely that the structure will still be larger than we would like," he told *The Current*, "but at least the DEC has done the right

thing for the environment and the neighborhood. Thanks to Senator Velella, our concerns were heard by the appropriate agency, and we are very grateful to him."

Tier Street Wetlands

Haim Joseph, the owner of the property formerly part of the Muhlfeld estate between Tier and Ditmars Streets, has met with members of the community at the suggestion of James Vacca, district manager of Community Board 10 and with the Department of City Planning to show his plans for the property.

Mr. Joseph and his architect, Tony Freda, have prepared plans for a three-story building containing 18 one- to three-bedroom units, plus a 36-car parking lot, to be constructed behind the new houses on Tier Street at William Avenue. When asked about encroaching on the designated wetlands that take up much of the property, Mr. Joseph indicated that he was discussing an agreement with DEC for the site, but no application has yet been filed with DEC.

The property has been listed as a high-priority acquisition site for New York State for several years because of its value as a natural wetland habitat, but no offer has been made to the owner.

Reville Street

Rumors that the property at the corner of Reville Street and City Island Avenue has been selected as a site for a 7-Eleven convenience store are apparently without foundation, according to the 7-Eleven headquarters in Texas. Phil Mercogliano, the owner of the property, had no comment for *The Current* when asked about the rumors. The news of a 7-Eleven proposed for 3220 Westchester Avenue, in Pelham Bay, on a property owned by Monica Plantikow of City Island, elicited many protests from the community, including a public demonstration that attracted more than 100 residents of the neighborhood. A representative of 7-Eleven told James Vacca on April 22 that the firm had no plans to build or lease a store on City Island.

Mr. Mercogliano has approached the community through the City Island Civic Association on several occasions asking for ideas that would be acceptable to residents. He proposed several ideas, including an emergency medical station, a school and high-density housing; residents have suggested single-family homes and a community theater.

Carrion Takes Over As P.S. 175 Principal for a Day

By KAREN NANI



Photos by KAREN NANI

Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion was Principal for a Day at P.S. 175 on April 19, 2002. He took over the helm from Ena Ellwanger and led morning exercises (above), to the delight of all the students. Shown below with other special guests for the day are (l. to r.) Board of Education representative Sandra Lerner, PTA co-president Ed Rothschild, Mrs. Ellwanger, Mr. Carrion, Community Board 10 district manager James Vacca and Melissa Cebollero from the Borough President's office.



Ena Ellwanger handed over the chalk to Borough President Adolfo Carrion during the Board of Education's Principal for a Day program on Friday, April 19, 2002. Students at P.S. 175 reacted enthusiastically to the new principal, who led morning exercises and then visited each classroom.

Mrs. Ellwanger began the morning by telling the students: "I am on vacation for a day." She then introduced Mr. Carrion as a politician who had shown early support for the school, especially by helping secure the portable classrooms to be constructed in the schoolyard by September 2002. These structures will help relieve some of the crowding in the building, which now houses 563 students.

Mr. Carrion showed a quick grasp of his responsibilities by announcing report card distribution, teacher absences, class trips and student birthdays. He led the assembly in singing both "America the Beautiful" at the presentation of the color guard and "Happy Birthday" after congratulating those with birthdays that day and over the weekend.

He congratulated student Nicole Henning on being one of the citywide winners of the Women's History Month Contest. Nicole will be honored by Mayor Bloomberg next month, along with the other winners, at City Hall. Mr. Carrion then introduced the morning vignette, a sign language music presentation of "Let There Be Peace on Earth," performed by students from teacher Ray Weis's sign language club and the kindergarten class.


Mrs. Ellwanger welcomed other special

guests, including James Vacca, district manager of Community Board 10, whom she credited with arranging for the borough president to come to P.S. 175; Sandra Lerner, the Bronx representative to the central Board of Education; Dr. Ed Rothschild, co-president of the P.T.A.; and Melissa Cebollero, director of Inter-Governmental Relations for the borough president.

Being principal for a day capped off a busy week for the borough president, who threw out the first pitch at the City Island Little League opening day game on Saturday, April 13. He described both these activities as "support for children and those who create nurturing environments for them."

It was also a busy week for the school. On Monday, April 9, P.S. 175 teachers held a demonstration in front of the school in concert with their union, the United Federation of Teachers. The purpose of the brief protest, held before the start of school at 8:30 a.m., was to raise public awareness that New York City teachers have been working without a contract for a year and a half.

About 15 City Island parents joined the protest to emphasize the need to increase teacher salaries in the city. They voiced support for a fair contract because "we are losing too many good teachers to the suburbs," said Dr. Rothschild. Mr. Carrion also expressed his support for a new teachers' contract, saying there is a "dire need that New York City children deserve equal opportunities with the rest of the state."



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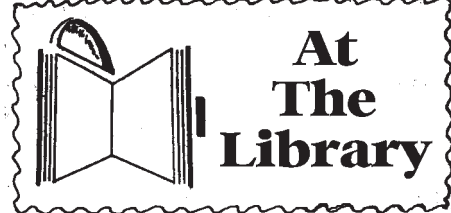
What's Going On In There?
If you have a new business, or if your old business is offering a new service, write to *The Current*, P.O. Box 6, City Island, NY 10464 by the 10th of the month.

City Island resident **Julia Stewart**, who has run a personal training business here for many years, now offers two new services in addition to fitness training: Certified Weight-Management Consulting, which is individually tailored advice and support for people who are losing weight, and Life Coaching. A coach is like a personal trainer for your life, in that she helps you achieve your dreams by providing unconditional support, challenge and accountability as you do things you need to do in order to become who your really want to be! The new business is called **Your Life Part 2**. Ms Stewart can be reached at 885-3409.

The **Kathlyn Moses Gallery** will present a new exhibition in May, featuring unique photography by Richard Meyer. Opening Reception is on Friday, May 10 from 7-11 p.m. The show will run through June 2. Also on display are new works by Anita Bastone, Mary Rappold and Lois Weingarten and furniture by Kathy Moses.

Another new personalized fitness program has just opened in the new building at 538 City Island Avenue: the **A.J. Weight Loss Center**, which has a well-equipped gym and will focus on a carefully designed combination of diet and exercise. One of the owners, Jack Valencia, offers an introductory special of 12 one-hour sessions with one of the three personal trainers for \$240, with a free consultation and a guarantee of 10 pounds lost in a month. A discount health-food shop and a tropical juice bar are now being set up. Call 885-3445 for an appointment, or just drop by.

"Images of City Island" will run from May 30 to June 30 at the **Focal Point Gallery** with an opening reception on Thursday, May 30, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. The places and people of City Island have long been a favorite subject for artists. Some of the artists exhibiting paintings, watercolors and drawings are Phil Basilone, Rick DeWitt, Rena Hansen, Marguerite Chadwick-Juner and Toby Z. Liederman. For further information, contact Ron Terner at Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue, 718-885-1403.



At The Library
On Saturday, May 11, we will be hosting a slide lecture by Howard Hellman, author of *Crown Thy Good*, a fictionalized account of life in the Hudson Valley in the mid-1800s. Mr. Hellman will share some of his research for the novel, which he says touches on City Island. The program will be at 2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, June 15, at 2:30 p.m. Victor Mastro, a professor at Hudson Community College and an expert in Bronx history, will present "The Bronx: A Musical Melody Medley," a visual and aural collage, including a medley of the various types of music created by Bronxites, ranging from classical, swing, rock and roll to present day hip-hop.

Hope to see you at both events.
Neal Steinberg

Children's Events

Toddler Program for ages 18-36 months will begin every Wednesday in May at 10:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Picturebook Program is held every Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

We will be offering an after-school Science Plus hands-on activities for every student. Come and participate in this new program at the City Island Library on Tuesday, May 14, at 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

Arts and Crafts Program: Mother's Day Crafts on Wednesday, May 8, at 3:30 p.m. and Spring Crafts on Wednesday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required.

For further information call the City Island Library 885-1703.

Children's Librarian Evelyn Gerges



City Tax Lien Sales

On or around June 1 each year, the City of New York conducts a sale of tax liens on certain real properties in the five boroughs. Sixty days in advance of the sale, the Department of Finance publishes a list of the properties to give notice to the owners and to lien holders who may be interested in acquiring liens.

A tax lien is a legal claim to charges owed to the city as a result of the nonpayment of real estate taxes, assessments and other related charges. The sale of tax liens to private third parties is a common enforcement tool utilized by many municipalities nationwide.

According to the Finance Department Web site, "the Commissioner of Finance determines which liens are for sale based on several factors, including the marketability of the parcel and the current housing policy and financial goals of the City. Tax liens cannot be sold to the general public."

Once a tax lien is sold, the city no longer controls the collection of the outstanding debt, and the property owner must make all future payments to the lien holder, because the city is no longer involved with these delinquent charges. The sale of a tax lien does not mean that the city or the lien holder has taken title to the property.

This year, the tax lien sale will be held on May 13. The following properties on City Island are on the 60-day notice listing published by the Department of Finance on March 13. The owner's name is given in parentheses, along with the total amount of unpaid taxes, water bills or other; otherwise, the names and addresses are listed exactly as they were released by the city.

• 67 Pell Place (Edward J. Carey,

- \$9,436.69)
 - 100 Winters Street (William M. Rizzuto, \$13,664.30)
 - 239 City Island Avenue (Lena D'Amelio, \$34,832.77)
 - 167 Rochelle Street (Virginia Cury, \$8,944.68)
 - City Island Avenue (Virginia L. Cury, \$3,874.68)
 - 53 City Island Avenue (Samuel Chernin, \$25,830.80)
 - 247 City Island Avenue (Michael J. Jelgesen, \$10,067.34)
 - 107 Carroll Street (Ruth Kroepke, \$1,403.33)
 - 499 City Island Avenue (Village Mall Associates, \$11,616.67)
 - 435 Hunter Avenue (435 City Island Corp., \$28,647.43)
 - 500 City Island Avenue (Scungi's Fish Market, \$23,628.34)
 - 583 City Island Avenue (Comprehensive Trend, \$61,905.59)
 - 663 City Island Avenue (John Persteins, \$12,534.87)
 - 699 Bridge Street (City Island Harbor Ma, \$19,478.31)
 - 120 City Island Avenue (AABR Realty Facilities, \$1,179.80)
 - 160 City Island Avenue (Minncy C Inc., \$6,561.24)
 - Pilot Street (Minny C Inc., \$1,372.24)
 - 414 City Island Avenue (Virginia L. Cury, \$16,290.41)
 - 139 City Island Avenue (135 City Island Ave. C, \$9,218.16)
 - 232 City Island Avenue (John Persteins, \$129,363.93)

For information about the tax-lien sale, call the Tax Lien Ombudsman in the Department of Finance at (718) 694-0424.



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SCOUTS ADVANCE AT BLUE AND GOLD DINNER



Photos by RICK DeWITT

The annual City Island Cub Scout Blue and Gold dinner was held on Friday, April 12, at Trinity Methodist Church. This special evening features awards presentations and the Arrow of Light ceremony (above right), in which Webelos advance to the rank of Boy Scout by passing certain required skills to the satisfaction of Scoutmaster Ed Esposito. Proudly holding their Arrow of Light certificates are the second year Webelos (above, kneeling, l. to r.): Tommy Lott, Jarod Godsey, John Devlin, Sean Cullen and Austin Gavila. Middle row: Keith Manfredonia, Michael Jaffe, Jack Masterson, Scott Connell, David Mooney and Anthony Valentino. Top row: leaders Kathy Devlin, Francisco Gavila and Penny Lyons. Not shown, Daniel Henning.



The first-year Webelos showing off their awards at the April 12 ceremony are (first row, l. to r.) Michael Sowa, Michael Zapata, Liam Flynn, Alex Skokas, Ryan Clark and Matthew Sasko. Back row: leader Doreen Zapata, assistant leader Peter Dinome and leader Laura Flynn.



Leader Regina Krieg stands behind her award winning Tiger Cubs: (kneeling, l. to r.) Dylan Cullen, Kyle Kreig, Joseph Fusco and Vincent Fusco. Standing are Christoph Dierenfeld, Haxhi Lajqi, Gregory Sexton, Tiernan Shanley and Andrew Clark.



Leader Toni Ann Conahan proudly presents her scouts, who completed their requirements to receive the Wolf badge. Kneeling (l. to r.) are Kyle Williams, Kevin Whelan and Daniel Masterson. Standing are Mitchell Santiago, Jack Clayton, Justin Conahan and Nicholas Ruggiero.



Leaders Karin Durvell and Ann Butterworth flank the scouts who completed their requirements to receive the Bear badge. Kneeling (l. to r.) are Chris Russo, Brandon Esola, David Butterworth, David Anderson, and Joseph Amoroso. Standing are Jack McCabe, Bryan Weis, Mark Lischinsky, Hart Deese, Ryan Pena and Salvatore Kulka. Not shown are assistant leader Lisa Scotti, Michael Scott, Jose Inglesias and Nicky Peluso.

Theatre Review 'TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD'

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

When Harper Lee's only novel was published in 1960, it created a sensation. Not only did it sell over 2 million copies in its first year but it also won the Pulitzer Prize. Film rights were sold, resulting in Gregory Peck's Oscar-winning performance as Atticus Finch in 1962.

This response was significant because it occurred just as the civil rights movement was getting under way and because the novel, set in 1935, dealt with a difficult subject—the trial in which a black man, wrongly accused of raping a white girl in a small town in Georgia, is defended by a white attorney. It is a tribute to the author, who used Atticus's young daughter, Scout, to narrate the story, that the novel became a classic overnight. The influence it had on its own time can be compared to that of Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" a century earlier.

Harper Lee's novel is still widely read today, but as a school assignment, and it

was a special treat for this reviewer to experience again the power of the story through the dramatic version presented in April by the City Island Theater Group. Times have changed a great deal since 1960, but this impressive production made the play (dramatized by Christopher Sergel) as moving and relevant as it was so many years ago.

Although this was clearly a cooperative effort, the strength of the production would not have been possible without Bill Castro's superb performance as Atticus Finch. Not only did he convey the quiet modesty of the main character, but he also managed to read his lines as convincing dialogue rather than as sermonizing speeches.

The children in the story—Scout, her brother Jem and their friend Dill (a character based on Truman Capote)—were beautifully played by three youngsters, Emily Lomurno, Benjamin Marcus and
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Current Calendar

MAY

Thurs., May 16, **Community Board 10 meets**, 7:30 p.m., Middletown Plaza Senior Center, 3033 Middletown Road, Bronx.

Sat., May 18 and Sun., May 19, **Cub Scout Annual Camping Trip to Alpine, N.J.** To attend, call Kathy Ciarletta before May 5 at 885-2416

Tues., May 26, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 8 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Fri., May 31, to Sat., June 1, **Fleet Weekend 2002**. See article this issue for events.

JUNE

Thurs., June 13, **Garden Club Spring "Luncheon by the Sea,"** 12 noon, City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. For reservations, call Ruth at 885-1361.

Garden Club

The Garden Club hosted a slide presentation and lecture given by Mike Ruggerio, head curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden, at the City Island Yacht Club on Thursday, April 11. We were happy to see so many City Islanders come out for this very interesting program.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be Monday, May 6, at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club. New members are always welcome.

Our "Luncheon by the Sea" will be held on Thursday, June 13, at the City Island Yacht Club. Tickets are \$23. Please call Ruth at 885-1361 or Dolores at 885-0918 for reservations as soon as possible.

The Garden Club is again asking for contributions for our annual Beautification Fund Drive. Please send donations to Kathy Gibbons, 183 Horton Street, City Island, NY 10464. Checks should be made out to The Garden Club of City Island.

Gardening hint: Why not put some aromatic foliage plants in your garden, such as lavender, rosemary, lemon verbena, sage, thyme or mint? You can pick the leaves for cooking and dry the leaves for potpourri.

Phyllis Goodman

Chapter 318 AARP

Don't forget that we meet the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street, City Island. Refreshments are served after the meetings.

Blood-pressure readings can be taken before the meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Dick Sauter, a notary, will be available before and after meetings to notarize any documents free of charge.

Our next trip to Atlantic City is on Tuesday, May 14; the bus departs at 9 a.m. from 113 Bay Street, City Island. For reservations, please call Jean Ringel at 885-1479 or John Bonicoro at 885-1844.

Our end-of-the-season luncheon will

be held at Marina Del Rey on Friday, June 14. There will be an open bar from noon to 5 p.m. and music by Johnny Del. Chairpersons for this luncheon are Gloria Salacan and Florence Quinn. Please see them for reservations.

We have two great trips planned for the fall. On Thursday, Sept. 12, we are taking a "Bateaux Cruise," plus Imax Theater at the Liberty Scenic Center. On the boat we will have a full sit-down lunch with music and entertainment.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, we will see the play "Daniel's" with dinner at the Good & Plenty Restaurant. For information, please attend our meetings.

Marie Tirelli

City Island Theater Group

(CITG) has started rehearsals for its "Hawaiian Kiddy Kabaret" production. This year the show will include a play, "The Stowaway," written and directed by Laury E. Hopkins, with Stephen Marcus as musical director. It will run June 15 and 16 at Trinity United Methodist Church, and the price of admission will include a light lunch. Details for this production will be forthcoming in the June issue of *The Current*.

The cast includes, but is not limited to Abigail Adams, Elizabeth Balfe, Jennifer Bosker, Jack Clayton, Dylan Cruz, Alexis Cunzio, Molly Delaney, Ashley DelGuidice, Bianca DelGuidice, Kristen Marie DeSantis, Samantha Emmert, Marris Ferris, Amanda Ann Figueiredo, Sam Fischer, Kaylin Fitzpatrick, Liam Flynn, Cait Hennessey, Nicole Henning, Gwyn Hopkins, Michael Jaffe, Luke Kitagawa, Briana Lotrionte, Jillian Lotrionte, Gabriella Maldari, Bernadette McMahon, Shannan Monaghan, Blerta Muijaj, Samantha Nagy, Blakely Nagy, Jonathan Nagy, Marie-Louise Nangle, Nader Nourae, Ashely Oda, Sean O'Leary, Anthony Orzo, Samantha Pecoraro, Sophia Piscatelli, Maddie Piscatelli, Grace Ramos, Chelsea Rodstrom, Justin Rodstrom, Rebecca Rodstrom, Imelda Rojas, Sarah Rothschild, Gregory Sexton, Emmett Shanley, Tiernan Shanley, Hannah Sheehy, Alex Skokos, Janae Spinata, Rebecca Taffet, Elizabeth Vacca, Victoria Velez, Leah Weber, Sarah Williams, Aimee Zambrana and Stephanie Zambrana.

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City Island Seniors

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The Maritime Day Trip (hosted by Fred Hess) will be held on May 23 with lunch beforehand from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at the East Tremont Chinese Buffet, 3227 East Tremont Avenue. Signed-up members will meet at Trinity United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. for departure in designated cars. A photo ID is necessary for entrance into the Maritime Academy.

Katherine Knapp will speak on "Tuning Into Your Intuition" at the June 4 meeting.

It is with regret that our director of seven years, Andy Sbare, has turned in his resignation due to poor health. We thank him gratefully for his organizing, conducting meetings and making arrangements for the wonderful trips we all enjoyed over the years. We wish him better health and happiness and look forward to seeing him at future meetings.

Emrie Steiniger

Chapter 3303 AARP

Members of the Minneford Chapter, AARP #3303 are constantly reminded of the AARP motto "To serve, not to be served." Ann Impelluso, chairperson of the Community Services Committee, reports on the great number of members who volunteer for activities outside the chapter. She maintains a record of the type of activity and the number of participants in each category, and she includes that information in our annual report submitted to the National AARP. It is edifying to see so many members giving their time and effort and offering their services to so many programs and activities. We are very proud of these members, and by giving updated reports at our meetings, we encourage the other members to volunteer their services for the

people who need our help.

On Tuesday, May 21, the chapter will sponsor a new South Jersey experience. We will depart for a full luncheon and entertainment at the beautiful Omni Catering restaurant in South Jersey and then go to the Hilton Hotel Casino in Atlantic City for a four-hour stay, when we will receive the package of the day.

Reservations are being accepted for an exciting five-day vacation trip to the beautiful Cortina Inn in Killington, Vermont, and the Von Trapp Family Lodge from Aug. 19 to 23, 2002. Every day we will be touring the famous sights and points of interest in and around Vermont, including a boat cruise on Lake Champlain. The trip will include first-class accommodations, all meals, deluxe motor coach transportation with a professional tour manager and much, much more.

Prices and more details for these events will be discussed at our meetings, or call Tina De Cristofaro at 885-0865.

Lucy Puglia

City Island Chamber Music

Our strong spring season continues with the appearance of the flute player Bart Feller on May 5, along with supporting strings playing works by Mozart, Debussy and others.

On Mother's Day, May 12, pianist Sara Buechner will perform a Mozart piano quartet, some Dvorak dances and some lullabies with mezzo Desirée Halac, cellist Ariane Lallemand, pianist Makiko Hirata and others.

May 19 will feature a string trio, violinist Ariel Shamai, violist Ori Kam and cellist Wolfram Koessel presenting Mozart's Divertimento for String Trio.

On May 25, a piano quartet featuring some special guests will play Brahms and Mozart.

June 2 will introduce some new artists: pianist Inessa Zaretsky, the violinist Jesse Mills and violist Kathryn Lockwood to play Schumann's piano quintet and other works.

Each concert begins at 12:20 p.m. on Sunday at Le Refuge Inn, 620 City Island Avenue; admission is \$16. For information, call 212-927-9194.

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If you wish to submit, for inclusion in this column, information regarding events and activities at the City Island Community Center, please call Laury Hopkins at 885-3202 no later than the 15th of each month, except December and July. Leave a message, including your name and phone number.

Announcements

Belly Dancing Classes will be given on Sundays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. Beginning May 12. Everyone is welcome! Hip scarves will be provided! Call Nadia at 885-9660 to register.

Ongoing Events

Monthly Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

To schedule events at the Center, call Laury Hopkins at 885-3202.

Teen Center: Saturday evenings. To volunteer your time so that we can keep the

Teen Center open, please call Jay Howard at 885-2192.

Senior Nutrition Program: Held at Pilot Cove Manor, weekdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All senior citizens are welcome; the cost is only 80¢ per meal. Call 885-0727 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for your monthly calendar with daily lunch menus and schedule of visits to shopping centers.

Dance classes for children and adults, Fridays at the Center! Preballet, jazz and tap for kids. Ballroom for adults at 8 pm. Call Linda at Dance Connection, 914 576-5515.

Adult Tap Classes: Call Corinne Grondahl at 885-2011.

Photography Classes: Call Ron Turner at 885-1403 or inquire at Focal Point Gallery.

Step Aerobics Classes: Sundays 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. Call Mary Immediato at 885-0793.

Yoga: Basic level Hatha Yoga classes include yoga postures, deep relaxation and breathing practices, and stress management for peace of mind and physical well-being. Call Annette at 885-0724 for further information.

Millennium Babies: A Moms and Babies Playgroup. Call Brenda Prohaska at 885-9040.

Laury Hopkins



Photos by MONICA GLICK

Elliot Glick of the Starving Artist Gallery taught basic jewelry-making techniques, on two Mondays in April, to 18 members of City Island Girl Scout Troop #1046. Pictured on top, earning merit badges for jewelry making, using wire, beads and pliers, are (l. to r.), Gabrielle Peña and Bianca McGovern getting help from Elliott Glick. Bottom right inset, (l. to r.), Alycia DaLoia-Moore, Bianca McGovern and Danielle Kaufman making jewelry. The top left inset shows the finished creations by members of Troop #1046. Under the direction of troop leaders Toni Conahan and Donna McGowan, the troop also made jewelry boxes in which to keep their handmade treasures.

Legion News

Spring is here, but as I write this newsletter, it feels more like summer. The mercury has reached 96 degrees with more unseasonable weather predicted. I assume that when this edition of *The Current* reaches the newsstands, we will be back to normal.

May is a busy month for the Post. On Sunday, May 5, at 10 a.m. at the Throggs Neck Post, the County Blessing of the Colors will take place. On Sunday, May 19, the Post will hold the annual Memorial Service at the 10 a.m. mass at St. Mary Star of the Sea.

The Spring Dance, always held on the Saturday before Memorial Day, will be Saturday, May 25, at the Morris Yacht Club. Festivities will begin at 7 p.m. with a cocktail hour, followed by a roast beef dinner. There will be an open bar and music. Tickets for this extravaganza can be had by calling Rich O'Keefe at 885-1159, Joe Goonan at 885-1637, or Commander Hecker at the Post, 885-0639. Since we anticipate a large crowd, it would be prudent to get your reservations early. The price is \$50 per person.

The biggest Post event for the month will be the annual Memorial Day Parade, which seems to get larger each year. William Clancy is responsible for getting a contingent of marines or sailors to march with us; he has had great success in the past. Noel McIntyre, a sailor of repute who served in Her Majesty's Navy, will contact our British friends and invite their participation too.

We hope to have the float for this year's parade, since many of our Big Deuce veterans have reached, or are pushing, 80 years of age and are unable to negotiate the one-and-a-half-mile trek. Several suggestions to make the voyage more palatable have been put forth, among them a Porta-Potty and a keg of Beck's. Local residents and businessmen Dan Pirraglia, Bob Pena and Chris McGuire have assisted us in the past and we hope that they will be back on board this year.

The Sons of the Legion sponsored a

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brunch on Sunday, April 28, and will sponsor another on May 19. The proceeds will be used to defray the costs associated with bringing the New York Fire Department Bagpipe Band to City Island for the parade. We hope that Fire Department, Rescue 3, will honor us with their participation. This decorated unit lost several members on Sept. 11.

The captain and crew of the New York City ferry *American Legion* have donated the ensign flown from the ferry on Sept. 11, requesting that it be carried in the parade. We are proud to honor their request. The flag will be carried by our color guard.

The parade will step off at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 27, at Belden Point. The good burghers of City Island usually line the east curb of City Island Avenue, but there are three stops along the route where short ceremonies are conducted. They are the WWI memorial at the City Island Park, Hawkins Street, the Pelham Cemetery and the WWII memorial at the bridge. The participants then retire to the Post, where food and libation are provided to the ravenous hordes.

We are in the process of replacing or reattaching brackets on more than 100 poles on City Island Avenue. New flags will be available by Memorial Day. We could use a few more volunteers. Contact Russ Schaller at 885-2087. Flags are available, too, for \$10. The price includes a sturdy bracket. They can be purchased at the Post.

Sick Call

Richard Lindley is at Sound Shore Medical Center. Captain Fred Lane is at St. Joseph's Nursing Home, Yonkers. William McGee is still at Prospect Heights Hospital in Hackensack. Don Varian is at home. Joseph DeLuca is recuperating at home, as are Louis Probst and Howard Smith. Social member Malcolm Hedley was hospitalized last week but may be home by the time this edition goes to press.

Meetings Schedule

Regular meetings: Monday, May 6 and 20. Executive meeting: Monday, May 13. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Some members are still delinquent relative to their 2002 dues.

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The kindergarten children are showing a keen interest in gardens and the beautiful flowers and unusual creatures that can be found there. They are learning the songs for their June 12 graduation.

Grades 1 and 2 are reinforcing classroom studies by using the computer to review letters, numbers, sentence structure and matching skills.

The third grade is using downloaded internet sites to create projects involving the 50 states.

In math, the fourth-graders are studying measurement and time. They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Alley Pond in Queens and are now finishing up related studies of Native American, West African and Latin cultures. They will soon take a trip to Phillipsburg Manor, in Sleepy Hollow, New York, a restored 18th-century Colonial village and commercial center. There the children will celebrate the holiday of Pinkster, the arrival of spring, which both the Dutch colonists and the slaves celebrated during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Grade 5 is learning about sound and will construct simple instruments to form a band in class. The students hope to take part in "Switch-Off TV Week." In computer class, the Multimedia Hyperstudio Program will be used to create an "All About Me" project.

The sixth-graders will do a report and project on space and the constellations. The students will also look at water and its role and importance to planet earth. Working with a drawing program they will create and illustrate their own personal time lines.

In social studies Grade 7 is learning about the United States Constitution and the first several presidents. For a women's history report, the students will each have to interview a woman age 50 or over and try to come to an understanding of her life.

The eighth-graders are studying volcanoes and earthquakes and will do a related project. They are also preparing for the state science exam. The students will use Internet Explorer to create their own mock vacation to Orlando, Florida. They will research and plan all aspects of the trip, including lodging, interesting sights, budgets and meals.

Special dates for St. Mary's are as follows: May 1, ELA state exam for Grade 8; May 3, First Friday Mass with liturgy prepared by Grade 8; May 4, First Communion at 10 a.m. in the church; May 7, Confirmation at 4 p.m. administered by Bishop McCarthy; May 7-8, Grade 8 state math exam; May 7 and 13, Grade 4 state math exam; May 9, school closed for Ascension Thursday; May 10, school closed; May 15, May crowning in church; May 17, Greene Uniform Co. at school at 9 a.m. to measure new and current students; May 22, Sr. James Patrick is hosting the District 11B meeting; May 27-28, school closed; May 29, 30, 31, state science exams for Grades 4 and 8; June 3, Grades 5, 6 and 7 will attend Medieval Times Dinner Theater; June 5, Grade 8 state social studies exam; June 6, Grade 8 written part of state science exam; June 7, First Friday Mass at 9 a.m. with liturgy prepared by Grade 5; June 10, school closed; June 12, Kindergarten graduation; June 13, Pre-K graduation; June 14, Grade 8 graduation at 7 p.m. in the church; June 17-21, half days of school;

June 21, last day of school.

Public School 175

On April 11, at a star-studded event which included celebrities Paul Newman and Keir Dullea, the 2002 Red Apple Award was presented to P.S. 175 for its dedication to children and their teachers, commitment to science and environmental education and invaluable service to its community. James Naughton acted as master of ceremonies for the event, which took place at the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, Connecticut. P.S. 175 was represented by Mrs. Ellwanger, Ms. Vargas, Dr. Rothschild as co-president of the P.T.A. and IDEA'S co-directors, Patricia Hennessy and Rose Rodstrom.

The kindergartners have just celebrated Earth Day as part of their spring study. They will be planting magic beans and reading many different versions of "Jack and the Beanstalk."

Grade 1 will take a trip to the Bronx Zoo after studying about animal adaptation.

The spring planting has paid off and the second-graders are amazed at how well their plants are doing.

Grade 3 is putting the finishing touches on the research reports and projects for International Day.

The fourth-grade students are writing and editing their autobiographies on classroom computers. They are also becoming very accomplished interviewers, which will assist them in completing their genealogy projects. At the Easter break, the students took home their mealworms and saw the metamorphosis of the darkling beetle.

Grade 5R is involved in many interesting projects. Laptop computers are being used to write beautiful spring poetry, watercolors are creating interesting patterns on kites and in math the students are measuring everything in sight! This month's technology project is an identification card. Each student is in the process of making his/her own personalized card using MS Word and a scanner. Welcome to Ms. Perez, the new student teacher, and congratulations to Anthony Maimone on winning first place in the "You Are My Hero" contest.

The sixth grade is concentrating on Mali in West Africa. They are reading about and discussing the Mali king Mansa Musa (1312-1337), who expanded Mali influence over the large Niger city-states of Timbuktu, Gao and Djenne. Through research the students will learn that it was under Mansa Musa that Timbuktu became one of the major cultural centers, not only of Africa, but of the entire world. Under his patronage, vast libraries were built and Islamic universities were endowed. Timbuktu became a meeting place of the finest poets, scholars and artists of Africa and the Middle East. Mrs. White's class has just finished studying ancient Egypt, and as a culminating activity the students constructed their own pyramids, using various materials. They also wrote about the construction process and a short tale of whom and what each pyramid contains.

The debate team for the seventh grade is back this year. The topic for this year's resolution is the following statement: "National Security is more important than the public's right to know." The team has not yet been selected. P.S. 175 would like to congratulate Nicole Henning, one of 100 citywide winners for Women's History Month. She was honored at the Julia Richmond Education Complex on April 26 by the mayor's office.

Class 8D is currently working on the social studies exit project. The students are also looking forward to spending a wonderful spring day at the Bronx Zoo after studying endangered animals.

The staff and students of P.S. 175 would like to congratulate Mrs. Ellen Funck on her retirement. We wish her lots of luck on the golf course!!!



Selected Filmography Of Russell Crowe

Russell Crowe made his starring cinema debut in *The Crossing*, a 1990 Australian film in which he plays a young man in love with a woman whose former boyfriend returns to town. Crowe moved into action adventure in *No Way Back* (1995), as a widowed F.B.I. agent and the father of a young son, who must redeem himself with the agency and settle a score when his partner is killed during an undercover sting.

Two outstanding performances highlight the Australian comedy-drama *The Sum of Us* (1994), which stars Crowe as Jeff Mitchell, a gay young man who lives in Sidney with his father, Harry (Jack Thompson). Harry has not bought into his generation's homophobia and is very accepting and supportive of his son's lifestyle. There are some wonderful comic moments in the film, which is also a poignant story of love between father and son.

Crowe finally put himself on the map (and showed his facility with American accents) with the Oscar-nominated film *L.A. Confidential* (1997). In this excellent mystery thriller, Crowe plays L.A.P.D. detective Bud White, a tough guy in love with a Veronica Lake look-alike, Lynn Bracken (Kim Basinger), a high-priced call girl. This story of corruption, which has subplots and twists galore, also stars Kevin Spacey as Jack Vincennes, a police detective in cahoots with publisher Sid Hudgens (Danny DeVito) in setting up arrests of celebrities. The film also features Guy Pearce as by-the-book Lieutenant Ed Exley and James Cromwell as the enigmatic Irish Captain Dudley Smith.

Mystery Alaska (1999) is a sweet little film in which Crowe plays town sheriff,

John Biebe, who is happily married to Donna (Mary McCormack). The town lives for the Saturday afternoon hockey games in which John plays. A former resident, sportscaster Charles Danner (Hank Azaria), comes to town and proposes that the local team play the New York Rangers, which has a predictable but enjoyable result.

In 1999 Crowe gave his first Oscar-worthy performance as scientist Jeffrey Wigand in *The Insider*. Wigand is a whistleblower, convinced by producer Lowell Bergman (Al Pacino), against his better judgment, to tell the truth about the tobacco industry on "60 Minutes," much to the horror of his unsupportive wife, Liane (Diane Venora). The tobacco industry exercises its considerable clout on CBS, making life uncomfortable for Mike Wallace (Christopher Plummer) and the CBS news team. Although the facts are somewhat twisted, this is an extremely powerful, thought-provoking film.

In *Proof of Life* (2000), Crowe is Terry Thorne, a professional ransom negotiator, who is hired by Alice Bowman (Meg Ryan) and her sister-in-law, Janis (Pamela Reed) to save Alice's husband, kidnapped dam engineer Peter (David Morse). The sexual tension that grows between Terry and Alice is palpable (and indeed resulted in Ryan's real-life divorce from Dennis Quaid).

Crowe won a best actor Academy Award for his portrayal of Maximus in *Gladiator* (2000), which (to my disbelief) won best picture. This is a dark, overlong film about the Roman Empire's conquests, corruption, immorality and utter lack of concern for human life.

On the other hand, Crowe definitely should have won for his magnificent portrayal of Nobel Prize-winning mathematician John Forbes Nash Jr. and his struggle with schizophrenia in 2001's best picture *A Beautiful Mind* (which also garnered a best director award for Ron Howard). Crowe's performance was the heart, mind and soul of the film, which also featured Jennifer Connelly as Nash's wife, Alicia (who won best supporting actress). How this brilliant man is debilitated and then deals with his demons is a wonder to behold. It is an original film that shows Crowe's extraordinary talent.

And until next time, be safe, and happy viewing. . . .

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Some of the many talented children and teens whose work was on display at Focal Point Gallery's Young Artists Exhibition in April. Shown at the gallery are (l. to r.) Fiona Kyle (held by mom, Cynthia), Jason Mangual, owner Ron Turner, Christopher DiMarco, Dylan Blake and Jamila Francis.

WHY EAT ORGANIC? WHY EAT AT ALL?

By NANCY DEAN, M.D., N.D.

What is the purpose of food? Was it designed to be the focal point of meetings and gatherings, the way to someone's heart, the way to forget one's troubles or a cash crop for the fast-food industry?

I don't think so. Here's a clue.

Food is the only source of raw material that grows and maintains our bodies. Our only source! Speaking personally, I want to make the raw material I eat as pure and as healthy as possible. That means no junk food, no genetically engineered food, a minimum of sugar and as much organic food as I can find.

The term "organic" refers to methods of farming and processing foods that control weeds and pests by using environmentally sound practices that sustain the health of our planet, and ultimately our own health. Organic farmers do not use pesticides, fungicides or fertilizers in an environmentally harmful manner but prefer a blend of old and new technologies and scientific research such as rotating crops to improve soil fertility and control pests, and by planting bushes and flowers that attract beneficial insects to control unwanted pests.

Superficially, most vegetables may look alike whether they are organically grown or not. According to the Firman E. Baer Report from Rutgers University, however, there is a huge difference in the mineral content of organic produce versus what is grown commercially. The report indicates that the organic vegetables studied contained two to three times more minerals than the commercial varieties.

This report bears out my own research for a book I am writing on the subject of magnesium. In fact, I was astounded to find that commercially grown crops have very little of the dozens of minerals and vitamins that our bodies need and that we may think we are getting in our food. What minimal amounts of nutrients they do contain after surviving the rigors of early harvesting and long-distance shipping are further depleted when foods are processed.

Chew on these acts about the current state of nutrition in America:

- The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition Sept. 2000 reported that 27 percent of our daily calories are derived from junk food.

- North Americans spend 90 percent of their food money on processed foods

- 70 percent of processed foods have genetically modified foods in them.

- Dr. Abram Hoffer, the originator of Orthomolecular Medicine along with two-time Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling, says "Refined sugar and all refined foods such as polished rice, white flour and the like are nothing less than legalized poisons."

- Dr. Hoffer also asserts that "Sugar is an addiction far stronger than what we see with heroin. It is the basic addictive substance from which all other addictions flow, including alcoholism."

- The diet industry nets \$40 billion dollars annually making money on our addictions.

- The World Health Organization gave a health report card of 13 developed countries, and the United States rankings are as follows:

- 13th in low-birth-weight babies
- 13th in neonatal mortality
- 11th in post-neonatal mortality
- 13th in mortality rate
- 11th for life expectancy in females
- 12th for life expectancy in males

If we are what we eat, then most of us are fast, cheap, and easy! And fat, too. But it doesn't have to be that way. Our bodies are built to last a lifetime. They are programmed by our DNA to be healthy and strong, but only if we feed them the right building blocks. The right building blocks start with a basic healthy, organic diet that gives our bodies a fighting chance.

The good news is that it is never too late to make the switch back to basics, because we now know that the cells of the body are all replaceable, even the neurons in the brain. This means that in about seven years time almost every cell in your body is new. And with organic vegetables, fruit, free-range poultry and meat, fish, and essential fats and oils, it can be a healthy body.

I will be writing more in future columns about how we can accomplish this reconstruction project, but in the meantime, I encourage you all to start looking for organic vegetables in your market and feeding them to yourself and your family.

In the meantime, join the City Island CSA to purchase a share in an organic farm (call 885-1104). There will be recipes and support for the kitchen-challenged and for those hopelessly addicted to condiments.

Islander Nancy Dean, M.D., N.D., is an expert in alternative options and choices for treating disease, but she prefers to educate people about staying well, which she does by writing for Natural Health Magazine, writing health books, lecturing and teaching doctors about alternative medicine.

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Claire E. Schumacher

Claire E. Schumacher passed away Feb. 17, 2002, at the age of 83. She had been living in a nursing home in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, since suffering a debilitating stroke in July 2001. She was a longtime resident of City Island and Tyler Hill, Pennsylvania.

Ms. Schumacher was born in Dayton, Ohio, and educated in Wisconsin. She lived in Chicago, Berkeley, Manhattan, Paris and Florence. She worked for many years as a librarian at the New York Public Library and at Queens College.

She retired to City Island, which gave her its own pleasures of place and community. She is survived by her brother, John, and many nephews and nieces to whom she was devoted. Donations can be made in her name to the New York Public Library.

Donald J. Klages

Captain Donald J. Klages died on Feb. 27, 2002, at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. He was 74.

A longtime resident of City Island and High Island, he attended Public School 17, graduating in 1942. Captain Klages graduated from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point in 1950. He was an unlimited master mariner and also a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was president of one of New York's largest stevedoring compa-

nies.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (Burroughs); his brother, Robert, of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; and his sister, Geraldine Babyak, of Austin, Texas. Three children, Mark Klages of San Diego, California; Glenn Klages of Columbus, Ohio; and Linda Muir of Austin, Texas; and seven grandchildren, also survive him.

Captain Klages was cremated and interred next to St. Francis by the Sea Roman Catholic Church. The last time he was on City Island was for his 50th reunion at P.S. 17.

Richard W. McCluskey

Richard W. McCluskey, age 74, passed away in San Diego, California, on March 10, 2002. He loved City Island and fishing in Long Island Sound, but in 1993 he decided to move to California to be near his children. He never did like the fishing on the West Coast, but that was a trade-off to be near his kids. He is survived and missed greatly by his son, Richard; daughters, Lynn and Jackie; grandson, Richard John, and other relatives and many friends.

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Theatre Review

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Nader Nourae, who missed not a single line or cue and captured the heart of the audience. Eddie Ciarletta, age 14, played a small role as Walter Cunningham Jr. and also handled the sound and lights. Clearly, the City Island Theater Group doesn't have to worry about its future!

Antonette Boiano played Maude Atkinson, the narrator in this stage version, and her strong voice and presence set just the right tone as one of the few reasonable citizens of the county. Miriam Schroder was a well-matched foil as silly Stephanie Crawford, a stereotypical southern lady. The difficult neighbor, Mrs. Dubose, was well played by Natalie O'Connell.

The two black actors, Crystal Cook as Calpurnia, Atticus's housekeeper and Kirkland Campbell as the accused, Tom Robinson, successfully conveyed the difficult feat of balancing the subservient behavior expected in 1935 and the great moral dignity of their characters. They showed not a trace of self-consciousness and lent a real credibility to the play.

Jerry Demers was a fine judge and Nicholas Perugini was a convincing sheriff, both of them respectable men trying to do the right thing in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Frank Siciliano, who can play comic roles with the best of them, was a fine villain, so mean that he was booed as he took his bow at the final curtain. Susan Rauh as his daughter, was wonderful at Mayella Ewell, the victim of the purported rape and beating. Although the audience was well aware of her false accusations on the stand, she managed to elicit feelings of sympathy for her pitiful status as Bob Ewell's daughter.

T. J. Meyers did well as one of the townsmen, and Tom Smith pulled off the hat trick of playing three different townsmen: the small-minded Walter Cunningham Sr., the well-meaning Link Deas and the

mysterious Boo Radley.

As usual with these productions, a great deal of care and talent went into the creation of the set, designed and built by Dorothy Muccio with the help of Nicholas Perugini and Emilio Soto. Norma Kerne, Carol McCabe and Carole Sullivan dressed the actors, who were made up by Laury Hopkins. The stage manager, Nicolas Sala, handled with ease the complicated task of moving many actors on and off stage, and the direction, by Eileen Marcus, was excellent.

The production managers, Miriam Benitez-Nixon and Norma Kerner, deserve our gratitude, not only for a fine evening of theater, but also for bringing this wonderful drama to life again for all of us who remember the book and the film version so fondly.

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03 Fri	0535	7.1	1216	0.8	1820	6.8			Fri 03
04 Sat	0035	1.5	0644	7.0	1315	1.0	1921	6.9	Sat 04
05 Sun	0138	1.5	0746	7.0	1411	1.1	2016	7.1	Sun 05
06 Mon	0235	1.3	0842	7.1	1502	1.1	2107	7.3	Mon 06
07 Tue	0327	1.1	0932	7.1	1547	1.0	2152	7.5	Tue 07
08 Wed	0413	0.8	1017	7.2	1628	1.0	2233	7.6	Wed 08
09 Thu	0454	0.6	1059	7.2	1703	0.9	2309	7.7	Thu 09
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17 Fri	0252	8.0	0932	0.3	1533	7.2	2144	1.0	Fri 17
18 Sat	0346	7.8	1027	0.5	1630	7.2	2245	1.1	Sat 18
19 Sun	0446	7.6	1130	0.6	1735	7.2	2358	1.1	Sun 19
20 Mon	0554	7.4	1246	0.6	1848	7.4			Mon 20
21 Tue	0132	0.8	0713	7.3	1405	0.4	2003	7.7	Tue 21
22 Wed	0251	0.3	0835	7.4	1510	0.1	2107	8.1	Wed 22
23 Thu	0354	-0.3	0942	7.5	1607	-0.1	2203	8.4	Thu 23
24 Fri	0450	-0.7	1039	7.7	1700	-0.3	2254	8.6	Fri 24
25 Sat	0543	-1.1	1132	7.7	1749	-0.4	2342	8.7	Sat 25
26 Sun	0634	-1.2	1222	7.7	1837	-0.3			Sun 26
27 Mon	0030	8.6	0723	-1.1	1311	7.6	1924	-0.1	Mon 27
28 Tue	0117	8.4	0812	-0.8	1401	7.4	2011	0.2	Tue 28
29 Wed	0205	8.1	0901	-0.4	1452	7.2	2059	0.6	Wed 29
30 Thu	0256	7.8	0950	0.1	1546	7.1	2151	1.0	Thu 30
31 Fri	0352	7.4	1041	0.6	1643	7.0	2249	1.3	Fri 31

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DAY	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	TIME HH MM	HEIGHT FEET	DAY
01 Sat	0456	7.1	1134	1.0	1742	6.9	2352	1.5	Sat 01
02 Sun	0601	6.9	1227	1.2	1839	7.0			Sun 02
03 Mon	0053	1.6	0702	6.8	1319	1.4	1933	7.1	Mon 03
04 Tue	0150	1.5	0758	6.7	1408	1.4	2023	7.2	Tue 04
05 Wed	0243	1.3	0850	6.7	1453	1.4	2109	7.3	Wed 05
06 Thu	0331	1.1	0937	6.8	1533	1.3	2150	7.4	Thu 06
07 Fri	0415	0.8	1020	6.8	1606	1.2	2222	7.5	Fri 07
08 Sat	0454	0.6	1057	6.9	1631	1.1	2243	7.7	Sat 08



Consider The Trees

It was with great interest that we read J. B. Sinclair's letter to the editor in last month's *Island Current*. J.B. makes a strong case for placing all utility lines underground, an idea that strikes us as long overdue. But we would like to make the case a little stronger by drawing our readers' attention to the plight of many of our Island's trees.

It is a simple fact of a tree's life on City Island: when trees and telephone poles meet, it is always the tree that must give. Take a good hard look at some of the big old maples on City Island Avenue. Take a look at all they have had to give over the years. The shapes are wrong. There is no balance, no proportion.

Then take a look at another tree: we have in mind the American elm in Bridge Street Park. It is a big, beautiful, round, shade tree, the way an elm is supposed to be. This tree had the good fortune of being planted in a park, but too many of our oldest trees have not been so lucky. Because they grow on the same side of the street as telephone poles and utility lines, they have to be cut back and shorn away every so often. And the new ones—the flowering pear trees that have not yet reached the height of the lowest power lines—for these, it is only a matter of time before they too will have to give. That is, unless we get serious and do something about those utilities.

A neighbor on Tier Street tells us that her favorite tree—a very old, very large cherry tree—blooms every year, without fail, on April 27, the date on which she bought her house 25 years ago. This year, however,

thanks to the warm weather, this very old, very large specimen bloomed 10 days early, as did its younger fruit tree companions. Tree pruners always recommend chopping the tree down, but she never will, even though the tree has clearly lost its value as a calendar.

On the subject of favorite trees, we would like to share with you one of our own: the star magnolia. The star-shaped flowers of this tree are creamy white, gently fragrant and delicate as a butterfly's wing. Like its cousin, the pink and white cultivated magnolia, the star magnolia begins to lose its blossoms soon after blooming, when the wind picks up. Fine, mature specimens of star magnolias are to be found on Bay Street (west) and Pilot Street (west). Also, there are two young "stars" in the grassy median next to the first traffic circle. Keep your eyes on these upstarts in the years to come.

Something to keep your eyes on in the weeks to come are the daylilies. These orange side-of-the-road flowers multiply like rabbits, which is probably fair considering that the life expectancy of a single bloom is a single day. In the wild, daylilies have been known to form fields that go on and on for acres. You can catch glimpses of some on your rides to and from the Hutch. Or you can take a walk through the woods next to the Orchard Beach parking lot. We did and came upon a field of daylilies as vast and, one would assume, as old as the hills.

Seek out something new and natural on City Island this month. As always, we await your discoveries at jdsstrat@earthlink.net.

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Mayor Bloomberg has declared a drought emergency for New York City. At this time of the year, the reservoirs should be at more than 90 percent capacity, when in fact; they are just above 50 percent. New York City's Department of Parks & Recreation will not be planting annuals this year, because of strict restrictions on watering, and the department has many good suggestions for ways in which residents may care for their own plants in spite of the drought.

- Spread mulch or wood chips in planting beds to help plants maintain moisture.
- Weed the planting beds to relieve competition for water.

• Cultivate and aerate the soil, which will help dry soil absorb and retain rainwater when it does rain.

• Pick up trash. Not only is it unattractive, but it also blocks rainwater from getting to the ground.

• Water your plants with gray water (leftover water from doing the dishes and other household chores) in handheld containers.

• Report open fire hydrants to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) at 718-DEP-HELP. An open hydrant expels one million gallons of water per day!

In spite of the drought, the Parks Department is offering a number of different activities citywide this spring and summer. Please visit www.itsmypark.org or www.nyc.gov/parks to learn about what's happening in the city's parks. Show your support for parks by attending an event. "It's My Park!" Day will be held on May 18, 2002. This is an opportunity for groups and individuals to show their support for New York City's parks.

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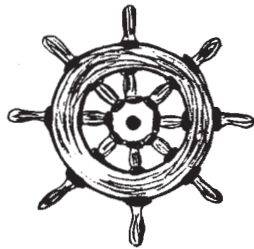
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Tennis Bubble Proposed For Orchard Beach

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation has requested proposals for the construction and operation of a bubbled tennis facility to be located within the parking lot at Orchard Beach and to be used from October 1 through April 15, when the parking lot is virtually unused.

The Parks Department asks that the pro-

posal provide a detailed plan for the construction of "an attractive, well-designed, heated air-structure bubble." This bubble, along with a clubhouse containing rest rooms and locker rooms, would be removed from April 15 through the month of September.

All anchoring devices must be placed underground so that no parking spaces are lost for the beach season. No trees may be removed or damaged for this project, and no branches removed without explicit approval of the Parks Department.

The term of the concession would be 10 years, with an additional 5 years at the city's option. Proposals for this concession are due by May 24, 2002.

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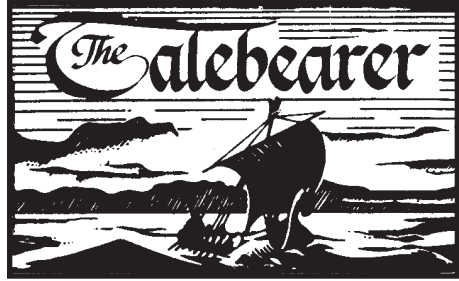
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Photo by RENA HANSEN

Ed Conley, a resident of Pilot Cove, created an original "pilot" to stand watch over the entrance to Pilot Cove and the pilot house in Consolidated Shipyard.

Happy 86th birthday on May 10 to Pilot Cove's Mary Iovieno, with love from your kids and grandkids.

Congratulations to Marine Street's Tom Davis, who was the Grand Marshal of the Little League Parade on April 13. Love from your boys "next door."

Belated happy 13th birthday on April 12 to Sara from Grandma, and God bless you on your May 7 confirmation with love from Mom, Dad, David and Grandma.

Happy 21st birthday wishes to Jillian Moses with love from your family.

Congratulations to Pilot Cove's Harriet Schmidt, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on May 10. Love, Holly, Charlie, Peter,

Michelle and Ed.

Happy fifth birthday to Lindsey with love from Mom, Dad, Mikey and Grandma.

Belated happy birthday to Kim Zapata and Baby Emily on her first birthday. Love, Grandpa Mike Carmody, Grandma and Greatgrandma Terry Carmody.

CYO Girl's Softball would like to welcome Mike Pryor on board as a Junior Varsity coach. We're looking forward to a fun and exciting season!

Happy 10th birthday to Briana. May all your dreams come true. You are very special to all of us. With love from Mommy, Daddy, Nicolette, Jillian and Amber Jo.

Happy birthday to Marine Street's John Michael—two years old already?

Happy Mother's Day, GG Bonicoro, Grammy Carol, Mommy Kim and Mommy Tracy. Love, hugs and kisses, Johnny and Jimmy.

Belated April 17 birthday to Cousin Marie—proof that age is just a number! Love, Kathleen.

Best wishes for continued happiness to the Sailmaker's Judy and John Iovieno. who



Photo by RICK DeWITT

Cub Scout Jack Clayton received his "God and Me" religious medal from Pastor Sue Chadwick on Palm Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church.

will celebrate their anniversary on May 12.

Happy 80th birthday wishes to Frank Ring, who will celebrate his big day on May 16. With love from the gang at P.S. 175.

Good luck to the cast and crew of P.S. 175's fifth grade on their production of "Annie." Break a leg!

Happy first birthday on May 6 to Jaxson Shubert from your Mommy, Daddy and big sister Sami.

Happy birthday on May 1 to Diane Duryea from your friends at Atlantic Emeritus Realty, Inc.

Happy 15th birthday on May 26 to

Marine Street's Matthew Butterworth with love from your family.

Happy Mother's Day to Minnieford Avenue's Cathie Doyle with love from your family.

Happy birthday on May 22 to Chuck Butterworth with love from Ann and your boys.

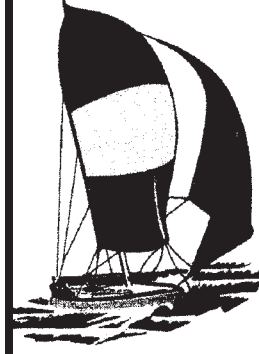
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